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SUBJECT: U.S. PLEDGE STATEMENT FOR 1975/76 - MADE AT SIXTH
MEETING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION,
SCIENCE AND CULTURE (CIECC)

1. U.S. PLEDGE STATEMENT AS PRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR
WILLIAM S. MAILLIARD, HEAD USDEL ON JAN. 29, 1975.

QTE MR. CHAIRMAN:

2. MY DELEGATION IS PLEASED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
REEMPHASIZE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S ENTHUSIASTIC
SUPPORT OF THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS BEING CONDUCTED WITHIN
THE CIECC AREA. WE BELIEVE THE VOLUNTARY SUPPORT FOR
THESE PROGRAMS TO BE WELL WARRANTED. THEY ARE VERY USEFUL
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AND BENEFICIAL PROGRAMS WHICH FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE, AND HELP THE VARIOUS MEMBERS IN SEEKING TO REACH THE STANDARDS CALLED FOR UNDER THE CHARTER OF THE OAS, AND PROMOTE INTER-AMERICAN COOPERATION.

3. THESE PROGRAMS ARE OF COURSE VOLUNTARILY SUPPORTED AND EACH GOVERNMENT, THE UNITED STATES INCLUDED, IS FREE TO DETERMINE THE VARIOUS LEVELS OF PROGRAM/BUDGET WHICH IT VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT.

4. THEREFORE, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION FOR THE 1975-76 PROGRAM YEAR VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT AND PLEDGES AS FOLLOWS:

A. FOR THE BASIC FEMCIECC PROGRAM: THE UNITED STATES VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT A PROGRAM LEVEL OF DOLS. 11,500,000. TO SUPPORT THIS LEVEL THE UNITED STATES PLEDGES TO MATCH ON A 66/34 RATIO BASIS THE PLEDGES OF OTHERS MADE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1975 UP TO A CEILING OF DOLS. 7,590,000. THE UNITED STATES SHALL PAY ITS PLEDGE BY MATCHING AT THE SAME RATIO THE PAYMENTS FROM OTHER MEMBERS RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARIAT.

B. FOR THE MAR DEL PLATA SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAM: THE UNITED STATES VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT A LEVEL OF OVER DOLS. 9 MILLION FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS IN EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO BE APPLIED TO THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAR DEL PLATA RESOLUTION.

5. TO SUPPORT THIS LEVEL ON A 66/34 RATIO BASIS THE UNITED STATES PLEDGES TO MATCH THE PLEDGES OF OTHERS UP TO A CEILING OF DOLS. 6,000,000. THE UNITED STATES SHALL CONTRIBUTE UP TO THIS AMOUNT ON A PROJECT BY PROJECT BASIS AS PROJECTS ARE FINALLY APPROVED FOR IMPLEMENTATION; IT SHALL ALSO MATCH, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE 15 PER CENT FOR LESSER DEVELOPED MEMBERS, THE 15 PER CENT PORTION OF ANY ADVANCE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE RELATIVELY MORE DEVELOPED MEMBERS. THE DOLS. 6,000,000 SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR CONTRIBUTION THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976, AFTER WHICH ANY BALANCE WILL LAPSE.

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(PAUSE)

6. THE FOREGOING CONSTITUTES OUR PLEDGE STATEMENT. FINALLY, I WISH TO REITERATE THE STATEMENT OF SECRETARY WEINBERGER -- QTE IT IS MY INTENTION TO USE OUR BEST EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY SOME SOURCE OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE FUNDS THAT CAN BE USED TO FURTHER THE CULTURAL

EFFORTS OF THIS BODY. I HOPE I WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. END
QUOTE. THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN. END QUOTE.

7. AMOUNT OF PLEDGE TO DATE: INCLUDING U.S., COUNTRIES
PLEDGED OVER DOLS. 19,000,000 IN SUPPORT OF EDUCATION,
SCIENCE AND CULTURAL PROJECTS. HAITI HAD NOT RECEIVED
ITS INSTRUCTIONS AT TIME OF PLEDGING. BARBADOS AND
BOLIVIA WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND CIECC MEETING SO THEIR
PLEDGES ARE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. FIVE COUNTRIES INDICA-
TED THAT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE INCREASED.

8. COMMENT: IN DRAMATIC CONTRAST TO CONSIDERABLE
CRITICISM BY LATIN DELEGATIONS AND PRESS LAST YEAR FOR
WHAT WAS CONSIDERED AN INADEQUATE U.S. PLEDGE (DOLS.
10.9 MILLION), THIS YEAR'S PLEDGE OF DOLS. 13.5 MILLION
WAS WELL RECEIVED. SUCH COMMENTS AS QTE REALISTIC END
QTE AND QTE APPROPRIATE END QTE WERE COMMON.

9. HEW SECRETARY WEINBERGER'S STATEMENTS AT THE FIRST
PLENARY SESSION AND THE WORKING COMMITTEE ON CULTURE,
INDICATING HIS WILLINGNESS TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE FINANCIAL
SUPPORT FOR SELECTED CULTURAL PROJECTS GREATLY IMPRESSED
THE LATIN DELEGATIONS. HERETOFORE, THERE HAS BEEN STRONG
CRITICISM OF THE U.S. INABILITY TO OFFER SUPPORT TO THE
OAS CULTURAL FUND TO WHICH THE LATINS ATTACH SUCH GREAT
IMPORTANCE. KISSINGER

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